

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable communication apparatus having a display and a keypad on a main side of a housing thereof,

wherein the keypad includes a key section comprising at least one key which is used to select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in the display and then to execute a selected information item.

2. The portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the key section comprises:

a plurality of movement operation keys for instructing a search direction to select the desired information item from the information items displayed in the display; and an execution key disposed at a position sandwiched by the plurality of movement operation keys, for executing the selected information item.

3. The portable communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the key section consisting of the movement operation keys and the execution key is disposed with a space from other operation keys of the keypad.

4. The portable communication apparatus according to

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claim 1, wherein the key section consists of a joystick-type key, which is inclined in a desired search direction to select the desired information item and is depressed to execute the desired information item.

5 5. The portable communication apparatus according to
claim 4, wherein the key section is disposed with a space from
other operation keys of the keypad.

6. A portable communication apparatus having a display and a keypad on a main side of a housing thereof, the keypad comprising two key sections which are separately provided on the main side.

wherein a predetermined one of the two key sections comprises a plurality of key contacts which are used to select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in the display and then to execute a selected information item.

7. The portable communication apparatus according to
claim 6, wherein the key contacts are a plurality of movement
operation key contacts and an execution key contact surrounded
by the movement operation key contacts.

8. The portable communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the predetermined key section comprises:

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1 a plurality of arrow keys corresponding to the movement operation key contacts, respectively, for instructing a search direction to select the desired information item from the information items displayed in the display; and

5 an execution key disposed at a position sandwiched by the plurality of movement operation keys and corresponding to the execution key contact, for executing the selected information item.

9. The portable communication apparatus according to
10 claim 7, wherein the predetermined key section comprises a joystick-type key, which is inclined in a desired search direction to turn on a movement operation key contact corresponding to the desired search direction and is depressed to turn on the execution key contact.

15 10. A portable communication apparatus having a display and a keypad on a main side of a housing thereof,
the keypad comprising a first key section and a second key section which are separately provided on the main side,
wherein

20 the first key section comprises a plurality of key contacts which are used to select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in the display and then to execute a selected information item; and
the second key section comprises a ten-key pad.

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the portable communication apparatus further comprising:

a memory for storing a plurality of names and destination addresses corresponding to the names; and
5 a controller for selecting a desired name and a destination address corresponding to the desired name and executing a calling operation according to the destination address of the desired name according to a series of operations of the first key section.

10 11. The portable communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the key contacts are a plurality of movement operation key contacts and an execution key contact surrounded by the movement operation key contacts.

15 12. The portable communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first key section comprises:

a plurality of arrow keys corresponding to the movement operation key contacts, respectively, for instructing a search direction to select the desired information item from the information items displayed in the display; and

20 an execution key disposed at a position sandwiched by the plurality of movement operation keys and corresponding to the execution key contact, for executing the selected information item.

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13. The portable communication apparatus according to
claim 11, wherein the first key section comprises a joystick-type
key, which is inclined in a desired search direction to turn on
a movement operation key contact corresponding to the desired
5 search direction and is depressed to turn on the execution key
contact.